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RUMENNIK, et al.

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For: HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSISTOR WITH
MULTI-LAYER CONDUCTION REGION

Examiner: Hu, Shouxiang

Art Unit: 2811

Submission of Supplemental Declaration

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Sir:


In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.67 and MPEP 603, Applicant is submitting herewith a supplemental declaration for the above-referenced application, which lists three joint inventors. The attached supplemental declaration is signed by the available joint inventors, Vladimir Rumennik and Donald Disney, on behalf of themselves and the unavailable joint inventor, J.S. Ajit. Mr. Ajit, who is no longer employed by the assignee (Power Integrations, Inc.) of the above application, could not be found to execute the supplemental declaration. The undersigned attorney of record unsuccessfully attempted to contact Mr. Ajit by mailing correspondence to his last known address, 455-E Costa Mesa Terrace, Sunnyvale, California 94086, and by calling the local telephone company's directory assistance service only to learn that is no Janardhanan S. Ajit listed in the general area code vicinity.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the attached supplemental declaration be placed in the application file pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.67, 1.183 and MPEP 603.

Please charge any shortages of fees or credit any overcharges of fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-2060.

Respectfully submitted,
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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) named in the patent application entitled

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the specification of which was filed on 09/20/01 as application Serial No. 09/961,229.

I hereby declare that the subject matter

XX of the claim(s) as allowed
____ of the attached amendment(s)
____ of the amendment(s) filed on or about ____
in the above-identified application
____ of the amendment(s) filed on or about ____
in application Serial No. ____ filed _____, which is a
____ continuation
____ divisional
of application Serial No. ____ filed _____.

was part of my invention and was invented before the filing of the following application for such invention:

XX U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/245,030, filed 02/05/99
____ prior foreign application no. _____, filed in
_____ on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as allowed, or as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. (Appendix A)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificates listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificates having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority
Claimed

<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>09/245,030</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>02/05/99</u> Filing Date	<u>US Pat. No. 6,207,994</u> (Status – patented)
<u>09/574,563</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>05/17/00</u> Filing Date	<u>US Pat. No. 6,570,219</u> (Status – patented)
<u>08/744,182</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>11/05/96</u> Filing Date	<u>(Status – patented)</u>

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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APPENDIX A

Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 Duty to Disclose Information Material to Patentability

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

- (1) Prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and
- (2) The closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or
- (2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:
 - (i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or
 - (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability.

A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

(c) Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

- (1) Each inventor named in the application;
- (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.

(e) In any continuation-in-part application, the duty under this section includes the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.